

Civil War 150 Legacy Project Coming to Loudoun County on April 9

A team of archivists from the Library of Virginia will visit Loudoun County on April 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Thomas Balch Library (208 West Market Street, Leesburg, VA 20176). This event, which is part of the Civil War 150 Legacy Project, will be hosted by the Loudoun County Local Sesquicentennial Committee. The archivists will be scanning locally-held Civil War era materials for inclusion on the websites of both the Library of Virginia and the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission.

The Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission and the Library of Virginia are partnering in the Civil War 150 Legacy Project to identify, locate, and scan original source materials related to the Civil War. Of particular interest to the project are global and pacifist perspectives and the viewpoints of individual African Americans and women. Materials may include letters, memoirs, pension materials, military passes, discharge papers, diaries, hand-drawn maps, and selected memorabilia and other Civil War era manuscripts. Items must be owned by the individual presenting the materials for digitization.

The Library of Virginia, located in historic downtown Richmond, holds the world's most extensive collection of material about Virginia and has been a steward of the Commonwealth's documentary and printed heritage since 1823. Each year more than 175,000 people visit the library to use its impressive resources. In addition to in-house researchers and visitors, more than three million users visited the Library's website in 2009 to use online information resources (www.lva.virginia.gov).

For more information about the Civil War 150 Legacy Project, please contact Renee Savits and Laura Drake Davis at cw150@lva.virginia.gov. To see materials contributed to the Civil War 150 Legacy Project and search the collection, please visit our Virginia Memory page. The collection is updated continuously, so please check back often (www.virginiamemory.com).

For more information about the Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission, please contact Cheryl L. Jackson, executive director of the Commission, at 804-786-3591 or cjackson@dls.virginia.gov (www.virginiacivilwar.org).